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Dear Laura Hazelton

Re:2020/5793/P 2020/5850/L 2020/5798/A

As a member of TRACT, we had our monthly Zoom meeting with Labech yesterday. Nadina Reusmann advised us that "the design of the Stables Market Terrace had been considerably improved as a result of ongoing dialogue with the Planning Department". I also understood her to say that the proposals would not be going to Committee, but would be dealt with by Officers delegated authority.

I am very confused about the process being followed on this application, which was submitted on 17th December 2020. My understanding is that pre-application advice is given prior to a planning application. In this case, a dreadful design, which attracted many letters of objection, seems to be the subject of an ongoing dialogue. I now note that the architects submitted a suggested change to the colour of the steelwork, from copper to a "blackened steel patina" on 2nd March. All other matters visible from the street appear to remain unchanged.

I am writing not as a NIMBY, but as a registered architect who has been involved in design matters in the Borough for many years. Indeed, as once a member of Camden's Architects department, I was responsible for the saving of the Fitzroy Road Piano Factory and Community Centre, and as a result went on to be a Civic Trust assessor for the following 15 years.

I do believe that the current design, completely obscuring the Grade II listed Horse Hospital, should be refused. It is impossible to massage a fundamentally poor design into something acceptable in such a prominent location. I assume both because of the location and the number of objections that the scheme will eventually go to Planning Committee, if not withdrawn in the meantime.

Kind regards
Peter Clapp